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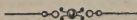
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Aaron Lovell, principal, to July 17, 1869,	\$637 50	
L. L. Dame, principal, to March 1, '70,	862 50	
Miss C. U. Chase,	600 00	\$2,100 00

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

W. S. Green, principal,	\$528 75	
E. M. Harriman, assistant,	406 00	
C. A. Dike, “	220 00	\$1,154 75

NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Kate Jenny,	\$370 00	
Mrs. L. D. Noyes,	315 00	
Miss Mary V. R. Williams,	315 00	\$1,000 00

EAST SCHOOL.

Mrs. Ella F. Inman,	\$370 00	
Miss Abbie L. Chapman,	153 00	
“ Sarah J. Dike,	152 00	
“ H. M. Curtis,	315 00	\$990 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Miss Adella E. Dodge,	\$390 00	
“ Clara A. Sprague,	333 00	
“ Abbie M. Johnson,	315 00	
“ Ellen M. Howard,	315 00	\$1,353 00

WYOMING SCHOOL.

Miss Susan M. Dean,		\$315 00
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NORTH STREET SCHOOL.

Miss Lucy E. Evans,	\$44 00	
“ H. M. Clark,	232 00	\$276 00
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		\$7,188 75

STEWARDSHIP OF SCHOOLS.

Amos E. Johonnett, care of High school-room,	\$21 25	
Richard Plummer, making fires Grammar School,	55 00	
M. Hinds and F. Goodwin, care Wyoming school-house,	18 25	
N. P. Chick, care South school-house,	15 25	
Willie Goldthwait, care South school-house,	10 00	
Willie Moore, care East school-house,	9 25	
Frank H. Messer, care East school-house,	15 25	
W. Maxwell, “ “ “	6 00	
J. F. Worcester, care North Street school-house,	7 10	
J. Kenney, care North Street school-house,	19 50	
F. L. Brown, care North Street school-house,	8 75	
Frank Daly, care North Street school-house,	4 50	
W. F. Cowdrey, care North school-house,	8 50	
Robbins, “ “ “	14 50	
C. E. Green, “ “ “	8 00	
Buck, “ East “	3 62	
Dougherty, “ South “	50	
Richard Plummer, building fires,	83 75	
George Gerry, care of Grammar school-room,	23 00	\$331 97

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

C. Patch, wood and coal, and putting in		
same,	\$611 46	
A. B. Holt, wood,	20 09	
W. P. Pratt, wood,	7 75	
Wood from cemetery,	27 12	
Hook, Russell, Worcester & Goodwin,		
preparing wood,	26 00	
Wood, and preparing same,	13 06	
Hyde, preparing wood for schools,	3 75	\$709 23

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

W. O. Haskell, school furniture,	\$203 65	
Books and stationery,	112 62	
Moving piano and furniture,	5 75	
J. Curtis, curtains and fixtures,	25 36	
G. H. Gibbs, 2 time-pieces,	17 00	
M. A. Dow, rent High School-room,	145 83	
J. R. Simonds, binding book High school,	5 00	
Notices, Evening School,	1 25	
Diplomas, High School,	5 70	
Piano-stool, High School,	1 25	
Expense hiring teachers,	15 99	
Ink-well covers,	1 00	
C. W. Green, tuning piano High School,	3 00	
Horse hire, to visit schools,	5 00	
Sifting coal at South school-house,	1 50	
Pails, basket, pan, brushes and brooms,	11 53	
D. R. Grant, stock and labor, on repairs		
school-house,	31 91	
J. Theobald, labor and stock, repairing		
stoves and funnel,	80 90	
86 primary desks,	279 50	
12 intermediate chairs and desks,	51 00	
12 grammar “ “ “	63 00	

2 teacher's desks,	\$30 00	
1 dozen chairs,	20 00	
4 " erasers,	18 50	
4 " ink-wells,	4 00	
Stoves and pipes,	34 80	
Shovels and brooms,	4 50	
2 record books,	1 35	
Crayons, brushes, poker, and pans,	7 13	
H. Whitcher and others, for labor and stock,	61 85	
G. W. Dike, purchasing desk, and labor on school-rooms,	55 00	
H. Whitcher, labor and cash paid in care of school-rooms,	184 86	
J. L. Hammett, books and blackboards,	111 03	
O. Gilmore, stock and labor South school-house,	4 00	
S. Gerrish, stove and fixtures,	46 50	
A. Hill, screws, nails, etc., for repairs at school-houses,	6 09	
H. Hodson, chairs and cushions,	14 50	
R. C. Graves, lamp and oil, Evening School,	2 75	
W. B. Stevens, Secretary School Com- mittee, paid Town Treasurer,	1 45	
Moving piano,	1 00	\$1,677 05

ALMSHOUSE.

Cash in hands of J. T. White, Feb. 18, 1869,	\$113 59
Stock on hand, Feb. 18, 1869,	2,799 06
Cash paid for grain and meal,	499 57
meat, fish, and provisions,	299 11

Cash paid for dry goods and clothing,	\$154 50	
pasturing, grass, and seeds,	111 00	
labor,	337 16	
stock,	240 00	
lumber,	64 52	
blacksmith work,	44 89	
farming-tools, and repairs,	14 73	
freight and car-fares,	19 46	
furniture,	73 48	
medicine and cash to pau-		
pers,	3 15	
blankets and surcingles,	8 25	
pear-trees,	10 50	
repairs on house,	84 26	
scraps,	76 88	
groceries,	203 77	
wood and coal,	118 25	
Aaron Hill, for groceries,	599 09	
Chase Brothers, “	226 28	
Wood from Cemetery,	214 50	
“ “ W. B. Stevens,	26 87	
Grass from cemetery,	55 00	
T. L. Cole, painting and graining,	78 78	
Daniel Jones, paint and labor,	142 30	
Cash paid for ice,	12 00	
pump,	15 00	
repairs on harness,	4 99	
W. L. Winslow, stock and labor,	18 75	
J. T. White's salary to Jan. 1, 1870,	225 00	
Funeral expenses John Bryant,	14 00	
W. F. Stevens, medical attendance,	7 00	
Advertising for Overseers,	2 00	\$6,917 69

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By milk sold,	\$886	97	
stock "	645	99	
labor done outside of farm,	603	18	
pork sold,	133	00	
wood "	59	25	
hay "	25	70	
cash in J. T. White's hands, Feb.			
18, 1870,	72	21	
stock on hand,	963	00	
hay and grain on hand,	487	00	
manure "	160	00	
wood and coal "	91	75	
pork and lard "	185	00	
farming utensils and household			
furniture, etc.,	854	25	\$5,167 30
Net expenses of Almshouse,			<u>\$1,750 39</u>

NAMES OF PAUPERS.

Edward Sprague.

Mary Sprague.

Samuel Gerry.

Samuel Gerry, Jr.

Caleb Richardson.

William Sweetser.

Timothy Flynn.

POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Assistance rendered Mrs. Thornton,	\$103	85
" " J. Sheridan's family,	100	63
" " Mrs. Tearney,	67	25
" " Mrs. McDonald,	32	00
" " Mrs. Purcell,	90	50
" " Mrs. Worcester,	98	00
" " Mrs. Matthews,	5	00
" " J. Murphy,	77	75
" " Mrs. Conn,	2	70

Assistance rendered Mrs. Driscoll,	\$3 75
“ “ Mrs. Percival,	18 00
“ “ Mrs. Barrett,	15 00
“ “ Mrs. Connor,	3 00
“ “ Mrs. Ready,	18 90
A. H. Cowdrey, medical attendance Mrs. Purcell,	57 00
A. H. Cowdrey, medical attendance Mrs. McDonald,	26 00
A. H. Cowdrey, medical attendance Mrs. Ready,	20 00
A. H. Cowdrey, medical attendance Brosnahan child,	3 00
A. H. Cowdrey, medical attendance insane woman,	2 00
Board of Flynn children,	116 00
Worcester Asylum, support of Jane Abbott,	157 25
B. M. Perry as guardian of Jane Abbott,	40 00
Nurse for Mrs. L. Martin,	27 50
Vermont Asylum, for support of Sarah Langley,	130 00
Vermont Asylum, for support of Eliza Green,	92 14
J. Noyes, board at House of Correction at Lawrence,	4 38
W. E. Stone, board at State Nautical School,	13 00
City of Boston, support of Ellen Flynn,	30 30
City of Cambridge, support of Catherine Crocker,	90 12
Thompson & Cunningham, State Reform School,	39 00
Town of Medford, assistance Mrs. O. Wheeler,	42 20
Transportation of State paupers,	10 00

W. F. Stevens, medical attendance O. Lorendo,	\$10 00	
W. F. Stevens, medical attendance Tearney boy,	15 00	
Dr. Hodgdon, medical attendance insane woman,	2 00	
Cash to Mrs. O. Wheeler,	15 00	
H. Ford, crackers and cheese,	52	\$1,578 74

CONTRA.

Received from town of Peabody for assistance rendered J. Thornton,	\$63 00	
Received from town of Malden, board of F. Thompson,	31 50	
Received from State for assistance Mrs. Ready,	43 00	
Due from City of Salem for assistance Mrs. Worcester,	104 00	\$241 50
Net expense of poor outside of Almshouse,		<hr/> \$1,337 24

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bills contracted previous to March 1st, 1869.

C. C. Dike, services as engineer,	\$10 00
Stoneham Savings Bank, interest to Feb. 24th, 1869,	110 84
Amos E. Johonnott, care of High school-room to March 1st, 1869,	13 75
Balance abatement Lynde Bros. personal tax, 1868,	3 80
Peter Green, mowing old Cemetery, 1868,	3 00
B. H. Howe, interest to June, 1868,	45 00

J. E. Farwell, printing town reports,	\$216 15	
2,000 library regulations,	4 00	
Expense printing town reports,	5 00	
Gas-torch for Public Library,	2 50	
Gas from Citizens Gaslight Company,	68 99	
S. A. Biathrow, police services, 1868,	10 00	
House of Correction at Cambridge, board J. Carmichael,	13 00	
Lyman Dike, services Board of Health, 1868,	25 00	
Lyman Dike, damages on fence,	27 00	
E. T. Whittier, school-books furnished 1868,	77 79	
E. T. Whittier, printing, 1868,	46 00	
Ida Hersam, assistant teacher Grammar School, 1868,	10 00	
J. A. Wilson, police services, 1868,	10 00	
J. H. Dike, services Board of Health, 1868,	15 00	
A. V. Lynde, taxes and costs assessed, 1864,	17 73	
T. G. Durkee, stationery for schools, 1867 and 1868,	47 34	
J. G. Bryant, services Committee on Summer and Elm Streets, 1868,	8 00	
Rice, Peterson & Co., 50 bound-stones, 1868,	17 50	
W. S. Brown, advice Board of Health, 1868,	15 00	
J. T. White, salary to Jan. 1st, 1868,	212 50	
H. Witcher, stock and labor, fitting school-houses, 1868,	271 62	
R. Plummer, lighting street lights to March 1st, 1869,	42 00	
Worcester Asylum, support Jane Abbott from Oct. 1868, to April 1st, 1869,	108 75	\$1,457 26

INCIDENTALS.

W. Whowell, building new cell lock-up,	\$72 72
“ “ rebuilding steps Town-house,	83 28
E. W. Pratt, sidewalk Emerson Street,	3 00
Hart's express,	11 25
2 keys to lock-up,	75
H. C. Gray, printing town warrants,	10 00
N. Jenkins, pump, head Main Street,	10 00
“ “ repairing pump at Town-house,	3 50
S. G. B. Coombs, lumber for reservoir and sidewalks,	59 89
M. A. Dow, rent of town officers' room and Library,	370 00
Clarrisa Stone, land corner of Summer and Franklin Streets, for reservoir,	57 38
Recording deed of same,	1 10
Edward Bucknam, surveying and setting stones,	10 80
Caleb Wiley, horse carting posts,	50
J. E. Farwell, printing voting lists,	25 60
A. J. Kempton, repairing platform to well at Town-house,	8 87
J. T. White, grading front of Town-house,	8 00
“ “ “ at Wyoming school- house,	3 00
Costs in case of D. Cummings v. Town of Stoneham, trustee M. G. Dodge,	35 00
Pipe tongs,	1 00
Amos Hill, surveys and setting bound- stones,	27 50
Horse hire for town officers,	47 80
Gas, town officers' room and entry,	19 05
J. W. Spencer, repairing settees at Town- hall,	3 00
Milo Green, burying dog,	50

Daniel Kimball, whitewashing lock-up,	\$6 00
Stationery for town officers,	14 55
Enamelled cloth for table town officers' room,	2 00
H. Whitcher, repairs town officers' room,	3 75
W. Bucknam, burying dog,	50
J. Russell, “	50
Repairing reservoir corner Main and Fulton Sts.,	28 00.
J. C. Paige, repair lock-up, Town-house, and street lamps,	26 22
1 constable badge,	1 50
Books for highways,	2 00
J. B. Weeks, cleaning town officers' room and entry,	2 70
J. C. Paige, repairing gas-pipe Town-house,	1 31
“ 3 iron doors, for lock-up,	51 00
State Treasurer, half tax on sales of liquors,	39 74
W. E. Delano, labor on sidewalk, near Wiley House,	3 50
Alfred Dikes, trimming trees on highway,	2 00
R. M. Yale, duck for lock-up,	3 50
Lovejoy, labor at town officers' room and Library,	1 85
R. Plummer, repairs at Town-house,	12 30
H. Whitcher, ringing bell for town meetings,	5 00
A. Farrier, writing agreement, and Committee on Hersam Street,	2 00
A. Farrier, surveys for School-house Committee, land of W. Sweetser and others,	10 00
A. Farrier, cash paid for car-fares,	9 32
O. Hersam, on account of engine-house for steam fire-engine,	1,000 00
J. E. Farwell, printing valuation,	385 53
W. B. Stevens, bonds and stamps for School-house Committee,	11 25
H. Whitcher, returning 21 deaths,	2 10
D. H. Messer, “ 48 “	4 80

E. Pucknam, setting stone and levelling on Marble Street,	2 50
W. Cook, grading soldiers' lot,	64 75
A. Farrier, labor, " "	1 00
H. Whitcher, repairing engine-room,	37 28
Hyde & Clay, for sidewalk,	16 00
Peterson & Parker, stone for reservoir,	6 75
R. Plummer, collecting books for Library,	4 00
T. J. Cole, painting Town-house steps, and setting glass,	18 28
C. H. Osgood, painting guide-boards,	10 00
Elisha Green, privy for High School,	25 00
O. Gilmore, covering Reservoir near Rounds' shop,	59 60
Hunneman's expenses with steam fire-engine,	6 75
O. Gilmore, stock and labor on boiler at Town-house,	1 50
D. Kimball, stock and labor at Wyoming school-house,	2 25
Wood for town officers' room,	5 40
J. Harrigan, shovelling snow,	35
Stock and repairs at Town-house,	22 96
Postage,	25
J. B. Weeks, car-fare on voting lists,	80
Coal for Town Hall,	33 00
S. Richardson, 2d, writing deeds for Cemetery, and stamp,	15 25
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	\$2,840 18

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A. K. Loring, books,	\$241 97
Nichols & Noyes, " "	93 92
Lyman Dike, " "	147 48

W. B. Stevens, balance of town grant,	\$16 13
J. Hazard, librarian,	150 00
“ covering and cataloguing books,	58 00
J. R. Simonds, binding books,	53 60
Gas,	43 50
J. Curtis, covering for books,	17 68
C. Patch, for coal,	6 75
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	\$829 03

STREET LIGHTS.

R. Plummer, lighting from March 1,	
1869, to Sept. 1, 1869,	\$125 20
Gas,	264 04
Aaron Hill, oil,	31 23
J. C. Paige, repairs,	118 95
“ 2 lamp-posts and lanterns,	50 00
C. B. Melvin, 1 lantern,	5 00
C. E. Adams, street lantern, freight, etc.,	9 51
	\$603 92

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Gen. Worth Engine Co., yearly pay,	\$287 90
“ “ labor at fires,	88 00
D. G. Crosby, services as steward of	
Gen. Worth Engine and Hook and	
Ladder Companies,	80 00
Hook and Ladder Co., yearly pay,	8 00
Orin Hersam, engineer,	10 00
J. F. Howard, “	10 00
Amos Hill, “	10 00

Gas,	\$15 00	
Repairs on engine and lanterns,	12 10	
J. P. Kempton, grading around reservoir,	6 00	
P. M. Annis, watchman,	1 00	
Aaron Hill, sundries,	2 93	
Coal,	1 60	
Winslow, sawing wood,	1 00	
Lanterns,	4 80	\$538 33

LINDEN-WOOD CEMETERY.

W. Sweetzer, for Trustees' town grant,	\$300 00	
W. G. Butterfield, repairing fence,	6 75	\$306 75

STATEMENT OF W. SWEETZER, FOR TRUSTEES OF LINDEN-WOOD CEMETERY.

Received town grant,	\$300 00	
" from reserved fund,	430 30	
" " wood and timber sold,	118 69	
Balance due Trustees,	43	\$849 42
 Paid balance due March 1, 1869,	 \$64 00	
" for fountain and piping,	255 00	
" " work on avenues,	323 00	
" " stone work,	16 00	
" " cutting wood and timber,	47 00	
" " clearing and grading paths,	144 42	\$849 42

WILLIAMS STREET CEMETERY.

Labor, W. Cook,	\$50 00
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HIGHWAYS.

James T. White,	labor,	\$518	17
John P. Kempton,	"	344	67
Orin Emerson,	"	355	28
Hiram Marston,	"	365	23
W. C. Dustin,	"	39	75
J. K. Green, rebuilding bridge on Spring			
Street,		16	00
James Forest, horse hire,		1	00 \$1,640 10

MALDEN BRIDGE.

Assessment,	\$350	00
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BUILDING NORTH STREET.

B. M. Perry,	labor,	\$1,548	50
S. G. B. Coombs, lumber,		5	60
Geo. Cowdrey, cedar posts,		7	75
Aaron Hill, nails,		33	\$1,562 18

FARM HILL AND ELM STREETS.

Jerry Harrigan,	labor,	\$101	81
James Howard,	"	86	06
Simon Howard,	"	59	19
J. T. White,	"	297	00
Obed Harriman,	"	22	75
Harris,	"	11	00
Levi Hill,	"	16	00
Jerry O'Brien,	"	44	50
John Bray,	"	6	00
John Walker,	"	37	50
F. M. Gray,	"	29	50
Edward Joyce,	"	2	50
T. B. Hadley,	stone,	9	24

Lewis Maxwell, stone,	\$4	90	
Rice Peterson & Co., "	22	75	
S. G. B. Coombs, lumber,	4	00	
J. T. White, cedar posts,	2	50	
J. B. Weeks,	30	00	
Geo. Cowdrey,	4	40	
R. N. Fuller, sharpening tools,	2	15	
Lewis Maxwell, labor,	17	00	
Bruce, lighting bridge,		50	
W. C. Dustin, horse 1 day,	2	00	\$813 25

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H. Whitcher, moving gravel,	\$15	00	
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			\$798 25

NEW RESERVOIRS.

W. C. Dustin, labor,	\$690	16	
O. Gilmore, stock and labor, covering,	274	82	
O. Hersam, stock and labor,	26	95	
Rice & Peterson, cesspool stones,	24	00	
B. F. Richardson, plank and pumps,	30	61	
C. M. Boyce, blacksmithing,	25	05	
W. W. Child, covers,	12	50	
R. Plummer, lighting,	6	50	
S. G. B. Coombs, lumber,	8	06	\$1,098 65

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Rice, Peterson & Co., as per contract,	\$2,300	00	
" " " " stone steps,	36	00	

Amasa Farrier, grading,	\$347 39	
W. S. Brown, design and plan,	50 00	
Wm. Weaver, extra lettering,	45 82	
Amasa Farrier, specification and agree- ments,	14 00	\$2,793 21

STATE AID.

Mary Brosenham,	\$96 00	
Lydia Burbank,	48 00	
Mary A. Calahan, and back pay,	84 00	
David B. Copeland,	120 00	
Nellie M. Dodge,	96 00	
Levi Gould,	36 00	
“ back pay,	66 00	
Chas. E. Horne,	72 00	
Delia M. Heath,	48 00	
Malinda Johonnett,	96 00	
Mary E. LaClare,	96 00	
Catherine McNulty,	48 00	
Sarah F. Nash,	96 00	
Peter Nolan,	72 00	
George W. Osgood,	37 00	
Mary Tierney,	96 00	
Lizzie D. Walton,	96 00	
Rebecca Young,	48 00	
Sally Wheeler,	44 00	
Elmira Lorendo,	68 00	
“ back pay,	84 00	
Mary E. Nolan,	96 00	
Henry H. Hill,	18 00	
Augustus L. Cheever,	40 00	
Harriet La Clair,	48 00	\$1,749 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Amasa Farrier, services as Selectman,	\$100 00
“ Board of Health,	10 00
“ Com’ittee on Monument,	12 00
“ Com. on Farm Hill and Elm Street,	8 00
J. B. Weeks, services as Selectman,	200 00
“ Com. on North Street,	15 00
“ Board of Health,	10 00
“ Assessor,	150 00
J. W. Osgood, services as Selectman,	100 00
“ Board of Health,	10 00
“ Com. on North Street,	15 00
Jesse Curtis, services as Assessor,	200 00
“ copying valuation for State,	30 00
“ returning voters to State,	5 00
J. F. Whitehouse, services as Assessor,	150 00
“ Overseer of Poor,	50 00
H. B. Wood, services as School Com- mittee,	150 00
“ preparing School Reports,	3 90
G. W. Dike, services as School Com- mittee,	150 00
W. B. Stevens, service as School Com- mittee,	101 00
Silas Dean, service as Town Clerk,	71 86

Silas Dean, services as Overseer of Poor,	\$36 00
“ recording births, marriages, and deaths,	51 43
“ copying records,	9 93
Otis Bucknam, services at six town meet- ings,	28 00
“ Police,	25 00
“ Truant Officer,	5 00
“ notifying town officers,	6 50
J. B. Hovey, police services,	20 00
Richard Plummer, Police,	32 75
“ Truant Officers,	4 00
Samuel Berry, Jr., Police,	7 75
J. A. Wilson, “	25 00
Lewis Maxwell, Police,	29 75
P. M. Annis, “	10 75
W. B. Doty, “	6 00
Maurice Mead, “	7 50
M. G. Dodge, Truant Officer,	5 00
W. S. Brown, services and expenses as Committee on Monument,	30 00
C. B. Wilson, services as Committee on Monument,	10 00
Orin Hersam, services as Committee on Reservoirs,	10 00
Amos Hill, services as Committee on Reservoirs,	10 00
J. G. Bryant, services as School-house Committee,	20 00
J. H. Dike, services as Committee on Soldiers' Monument,	10 00
R. R. Danforth, services Overseer of Poor,	15 00
Amos Hill, services Committee on Monument,	10 00

S. Richardson, 2d, services Town Treasurer,	\$50 00	
J. C. Chase, Collector,	150 00	
A. Hill, Auditor,	55 00	
J. Curtis, services as Committee on Soldiers' Monument,	50 00	\$2,272 12

INSURANCE.

Public Library,	\$22 00	
Town House,	75 00	
North Street School-house,	7 50	\$104 50

INTEREST.

J. L. Carter,	\$50 00	
Arad Gerry,	300 00	
Warren Savings Institute,	631 50	
Timothy Fletcher,	270 00	
Town Library, note two years,	12 00	
James Waitt,	60 00	
Samuel Green,	90 00	
B. H. Howe,	95 00	
Lowell Institute of Savings,	1,680 00	
Wm. Rand,	550 00	
Walter Blaisdell, two years to May 1st, 1870,	120 00	\$3,858 50

NOTES PAID.

Two notes, Bunker Hill National Bank,	\$9,000 00
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State Tax,	\$3,925 00	
County Tax,	1,597 86	\$5,522 86

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Paid for gas,	\$198 50	
“ washing hall,	37 90	
“ alcohol,	1 50	
“ brooms and keys,	2 45	
“ setting glass,	4 40	
“ coal,	33 00	
R. Plummer, building twenty-eight fires,	21 00	
“ opening hall ninety-nine times,	99 00	
“ eighty-six hours labor after 10 o'clock P.M.,	21 50	
Bal. paid Town Treasurer,	81 72	\$500 97

CREDIT.

Cash received for dances,	\$123 75	
“ from religious societies,	88 50	
“ “ exhibitions and con- certs,	124 50	
“ “ lectures,	40 50	
“ “ caucus,	4 00	
“ “ festivals and fair,	119 72	\$500 97

TAXES ABATED.

C. E. Morse,	real estate,	\$3 00	
Stevens & Vanvoohis,	"	20 00	
Betsey S. George,	"	10 00	
Geo. W. Dike,	"	2 00	
Nellie M. Dodge,	"	10 00	
Darius Hadley,	" and poll,	12 22	
J. Skinner,	"	3 00	
Thad Richardson,	personal estate,	6 00	
L. S. White,	"	4 00	
W. G. Fuller,	"	2 00	
Syrene Parker,	"	20 00	
Chas. Emerson,	"	10 00	
Aaron Vinton,	" and poll,	2 72	
James M. Heath,	"	14 00	
83 poll taxes,		184 26	\$303 20
Interest on taxes paid previous to			
Nov. 1, 1869,			\$42 73

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Teachers,	\$7,188 75
Fuel for Schools,	709 23
Stewardship of Schools,	331 97
School Incidentals,	1,677 05
Fire Department,	538 33
Incidentals,	2,840 18
Almshouse,	1,609 57
Poor outside of Almshouse,	1,578 74
Highways,	1,640 10
Street Lights,	603 92
Linden-Wood Cemetery,	306 75
Williams St. Cemetery,	50 00

Town Library,	\$829 03	
Town Officers and Committees,	2,272 12	
State Aid,	1,749 00	
Miscellaneous,	1,457 26	
2 Notes Bunker Hill National Bank paid,	9,000 00	
Interest,	3,858 50	
New Reservoirs,	1,098 65	
Soldiers' Monument,	2,793 21	
Farm Hill and Elm Street,	798 25	
North Street,	1,562 18	
Malden Bridge,	350 00	
Insurance,	104 50	
State and County Tax,	5,522 86	
Taxes Abated,	303 20	
Allowance of Interest on Taxes paid previous to Nov. 1, 1869,	42 73	\$50,919 98

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1869.

Schools,	\$8,000 00	
School Incidentals,	1,500 00	
Interest,	4,000 00	
To pay Town Debt,	4,000 00	
Town Officers,	1,800 00	
Highways,	1,500 00	
Almshouse,	2,500 00	
State Aid,	1,500 00	
Library,	500 00	
Wall at Medford Line,	100 00	
Fire Department,	500 00	
Incidentals,	6,500 00	
Linden-Wood Cemetery,	300 00	
Williams Street Cemetery,	50 00	
		\$32,750 00

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED.

Number licensed from Dec. 1st, 1868, to April 30, 1869.
Two males.

Number licensed from April 30 to Dec. 1, 1869, one hundred and forty-five. Males, 135. Females, 10.

Whole number of Males, 137, at \$2.00,	\$274 00
“ “ Females, 10, at \$5.00,	50 00
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Total,	324 00
Clerk's fees,	29 40
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	\$294 60

The above sum of two hundred and ninety-four dollars sixty cents has been paid to Amos Stone, Esq., County Treasurer, and a receipt taken for the same by

SILAS DEAN, Town Clerk.

NOTES OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE TOWN.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	AM'T.	RATE.	TIME.	WHEN DUE.
May 1, 1865	W. Blaisdell	\$1,000	6 per cent.	On demand	
May 1, 1860	Public Library	100	6 "	"	
May 2, 1869	Timothy Fletcher	3,000	7 "	5 years.	May 2, 1874
Aug. 23, 1864	Leroy Carter	1,000	5 "	5 "	Aug. 23, 1869
July 26, 1865	James Waitt	1,000	6 "	5 "	July 26, 1870
June 18, 1861	Warren Savings Institute	7,100	6 "	10 "	June 18, 1871
May 20, 1863	W. Rand	11,000	5 "	10 "	May 20, 1873
June 8, 1863	B. H. Howe	900	5 "	10 "	June 8, 1873
Jan. 14, 1864	B. H. Howe	1,000	5 "	10 "	Jan. 14, 1874
Mar. 17, 1859	Warren Savings Institute	3,425	6 "	15 "	March 17, 1874
May 4, 1865	Arad Gerry	5,000	6 "	10 "	May 4, 1874
June 2, 1866	Samuel Green	1,500	6 "	10 "	June 2, 1876
Dec. 19, 1866	Lowell Institute	28,000	6 "	20 "	Dec. 19, 1886
Oct. 24, 1866	Timothy Fletcher	1,500	5 "	5 "	Oct. 24, 1871
		<u>\$65,525</u>			

ASSETS.

Due for State Aid from State	\$1,709 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	8,699 05	
Due from J. Leeds for sidewalk	19 00	
Due from City of Salem	208 00	
	<u> </u>	\$10,635 05
Town debt, March 1st, 1869	\$55,343 07	
" " " " 1870	54,889 95	
	<u> </u>	
Decrease of town debt during past year		\$453 12

Dr. *Sumner Richardson, 2d, in account with Town of Stoneham.* Cr.

To balance on hand, March 1st, 1869,	\$8,090 93	By town orders paid,	\$45,293 22
Received from J. C. Chase, Collector of Taxes,	39,736 90	State Tax,	3,925 00
“ “ State for State Aid for 1868,	1,682 00	County Tax,	1,597 86
“ “ 2 town notes for discount,	9,000 00	Discount Bunker Hill National Bank Note,	277 61
“ “ sale of Cemetery Lots,	275 00	Cash on hand in Treasury,	8,699 05
“ “ sales on Liquor,	51 25	Collector's Note on hand,	103 90
“ “ Town of Peabody, for J. Thornton,	63 00		
“ “ Town of Malden, for F. T. Thompson,	31 50		
“ “ State, for Mrs. Ready,	43 00		
“ “ Herrick Batchelder on sidewalk,	16 45		
“ “ Corporation Tax,	205 66		
“ “ State School Funds,	216 72		
“ “ Dog License,	250 41		
“ “ Town Hall,	81 72		
“ “ “ for Coal,	33 00		
“ “ use of Lock-up,	1 75		
“ “ W. B. Stevens, for School Committee,	1 45		
“ “ Town Clerk, for waste paper sold,	2 00		
“ “ P. McQuaid's license,	10 00		
“ “ Collector's Note,	103 90		
	<u>\$59,896 64</u>		<u>\$59,896 64</u>

STONEHAM, Feb. 28th, 1870.

We have examined the accounts of Sumner Richardson, 2d, as Treasurer of the town of Stoneham, and find that he has received the sum of fifty-nine thousand eight hundred and ninety-six dollars and sixty-four cents, and has paid the sum of fifty-one thousand and ninety-three dollars and sixty-nine cents, leaving a balance in his hands of eight thousand six hundred and ninety-nine dollars and five cents, and a collector's note of one hundred and three dollars and ninety cents.

AMOS HILL, }
JOHN KINGMAN, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF STONEHAM:—

We present to you a Report of the Public Library, for the year ending March, 1870.

A year ago the town voted that five hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee, to replenish the Library, and to complete as far as possible the various departments of standard and light literature. The duty of expending this liberal appropriation, by vote of the Committee, was assigned to two of their number, and they have discharged the trust with their best judgment, in view both of what such a Town Library ought to contain, and of the tastes of the mass of readers. The large majority who use the Library do not seek for books requiring severe application, unless occasionally, but rather for those which help them to fill out leisure hours pleasantly, and instruction must ordinarily come to them in an entertaining garb.

In trying to gratify this taste, it has also been the object of the Committee to exclude the class of literature which is corrupting or merely sensational; to gradually elevate the taste itself of the reading community; and at the same time to render the Library more and more attractive and popular.

Nearly all of the suitable new publications in the department of light literature have been purchased, and, so far as possible for a library of this sort, the standard works, such as essays, biographies, and especially histories.

The use of the Library has greatly increased during the year; the new purchases, particularly, have been out constantly, so that comparatively few persons have been able to get even a sight of them.

The Committee would suggest that a supplement, containing a list of all books added to the Library since the catalogue was published, be soon printed, and furnished gratuitously to those who have catalogues.

They also call attention to the fact that the books show marks of unnecessarily hard usage, — so much so that the Librarian has been obliged to deny to some persons the privilege of taking out books at all.

The following table of statistics will show the condition of the Library : —

Money appropriated by the town,	\$500 00
“ received for fines, etc,	76 10
Salary paid to Librarian, Josephine Hazard,	150 00
Extra work, covering, etc.,	58 00
Number of persons receiving books for the year,	1,498
“ books loaned during the year,	19,380
New accounts “ “	308
Number of books purchased,	442
Of this number, books replaced,	112
Number of volumes in the Library,	3,400
Books presented to Library, by Unitarian Publishing Association,	34 vols.
New Church (Swedenborgian),	16
Chas. E. Horne,	6
Jos. T. Woodward,	4
Town of Melrose,	1

The Committee would renew the suggestion made last year for a Reading Room. The front part of the Library Room is unoccupied, and can easily be made into a Reading Room, with table and chairs, at an expense not exceeding a hundred dollars, including the outlay for pamphlets and papers. Such an addition to the Library would be accessible to all, and doubtless would prove very attractive and valuable to many of our young men.

The Committee, in conclusion, request that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for new books for the next year.

LYMAN DIKE,
JOHN HILL,
LEVI S. ROWE,
WM. B. STEVENS,
AMOS HILL,
SWIFT BYINGTON,

STONEHAM, March, 1870.

Committee.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1869.

DATE.	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 3,	Charles E. Nevers, Lulie Landers,	Stoneham. Auburn, Me.	33 32	Jeweller.	Sweden, Me. Auburn, Me.	John & Elmina. True & Alvira.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst
Jan. 5,	Albe Stephenson, Mary E. Robinson,	Reading. Reading.	23 22	Shoemaker.	Greenfield, N. H. Reading.	Jacob & Lucy. John & Harriet C.	Rev. E. B. Fairechild.
Jan. 10,	Simeon Kimpton, Hannah K. Paige,	Richmond, N. H. Warren, N. H.	36 38	Farmer.	Richmond, N. H. Wentworth, N. H.	Samuel & Dorothea. Ephraim & Eleanor.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst
Jan. 30,	Granville Lynde, Susan Rivers,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	21 21	Shoemaker.	Stoneham. Thomaston, Me.	Adoniram & Abby. James & Rebecca.	Rev. Swift Byington.
Feb. 2,	True L. Norris, Sarah E. Holden,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	21 20	Lawyer.	Manchester, N. H. Stoneham.	A. F. L. & Olive W. Dennison & Sarah A.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst
Feb. 6,	John C. Woods, Catharine McNulty,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	29 30	Morocco Finisher.	Ireland. Scotland.	John & Margaret. Edward & Elizabeth.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Feb. 7,	Michael Welch, Margaret Casey,	Malden. Stoneham.	28 23	Laborer.	Ireland. Ireland.	Michael & Mary. John & Margaret.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Feb. 12,	James S. Rhoades, Nellie H. French,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	22 18	Shoemaker.	Providence. Warren, N. H.	Benjamin & Sarah. John & Sarah.	Silas Dean, J. P.
Feb. 13,	Otis J. Lewis, Ella S. Sweetser,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	24 24	Shoemaker.	Mt. Vernon, N. H. South Reading.	Andrew & Mary Ann. Leonard & Selina.	Rev. E. B. Fairechild.
Feb. 24,	Willis H. Foster, Sarah E. Kimpton,	Woburn. Stoneham.	26 21	Cabinetmaker.	Woburn. Stoneham.	Timothy & Susan. John P. & Esther.	Rev. E. B. Fairechild.
March 9,	Timothy Riley, Mary Golden,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	24 18	Shoemaker.	St. John, N. B. Plattsburg, Pa.	Timothy & Hannora. Simon & Mary.	Silas Dean, J. P.

April 4,	John Duffy, Mary Gillespie,	Boston. Stoneham.	30 23	Laborer.	Ireland. Ireland.	John & Catharine. Thomas & Mary.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
April 25,	William Greany, Mary O'Connell,	Wakefield. Wakefield.	25 23	Laborer.	Ireland. Ireland.	John & Ellen. Jeremiah & Hannah.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
May 3,	Edward F. Darling, Sarah H. Bartlett,	Stoneham. Plymouth.	21 20	Barber.	Stoneham. Plymouth.	W. P. & Almira. Nathaniel & Sarah.	Rev. Swift Byington.
May 8,	James M. Heath, Eliza A. Barter,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	26 22	Trader.	Newfield, Me. Boothbay, Me.	John & Hannah. Henry H. & Elizabeth.	Silas Dean, J. P.
May 9,	Thomas McKenna, Isabella Scott,	Stoneham. Lowell.	30 27	Machinist.	Ireland. Scotland.	James & Catharine. David & Unknown.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
May 16,	Thomas F. Madden, Hannah F. White,	Wakefield. Wakefield.	19	Mason.	Providence, R. I. Newburyport.	Patrick & Margaret. James & Catherine.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
May 19,	Elmer H. Littlefield, Fannie Newell,	Wakefield. Reading.	21 24	Trader.	Georgetown. Boston.	Moses H. & Laura A. Benj. F. & Elizabeth.	Rev. E. B. Fairchild.
May 20,	Sumner Richardson, Eliza M. Rollins.	Stoneham. Stoneham.	52 36	Shoe Manufacturer	Stoneham. Pittston, Me.	Oliver & Mary. Purchase & Rhansom.	Rev. E. B. Fairchild.
May 24,	George Paey, Lizzie Hurl,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	20 20	Shoemaker.	Lanesborough. Ireland.	William & Florence. Patrick & Catharine.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
May 30,	Edward O'Donnell, Margaret Fallon,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	22 21	Currier.	Ireland. Lowell.	John & Mary. James & Mary.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
June 4,	John Murphy, Rosa Matthews,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	42 41	Shoemaker.	Ireland. Ireland.	Miles & Winnefred. James & Mary O'Brien.	Silas Dean, J. P.
June 10,	Patrick Hennessy, Julia Finn,	Wakefield. Wakefield.	23 21	Laborer.	Ireland. Ireland.	James & Mary. Patrick & Ellen.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
June 13,	John Murphy, Margaret Finn,	Wakefield. Wakefield.	20 19	Laborer.	Ireland. Ireland.	John & Ellen. Matthias & Ann.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
June 13,	Mitchell Newell, Lizzie Thomas,	Oldtown, Me. Oldtown, Me.	17 18	Basketmaker.		John & Mary. Abram & Unknown.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
June 19,	Humphry Healy, Bridget Laurie,	Natick. Stoneham.	26 24	Bootmaker.	Ireland. Ireland.	Jeremiah & Julia. Martin & Bridget.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
July 6,	Joseph M. Phillips, Ella E. Tay,	Woburn. Woburn.	28 18	Currier.	Heron, Me. Woburn.	L. D. & Mary A. William E. & Lucretia.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1869. — (CONTINUED.)

DATE.	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Aug. 8,	James F. Sproules, Nellie Fallon,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	21 18	Painter.	Roxbury. Lowell.	James & Catherine, Andrew & Mary.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Aug. 12,	Michael Collins, Margaret Goodwin,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	38 28	Laborer.	Ireland. Ireland.	Patrick & Julia, James & Nancy.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Aug. 14,	Thomas F. Frawley, Catherine O'Brien,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	22 20	Harnessmaker.	Boston. Somerville.	Thomas & Catharine, John & Hanora.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Aug. 14,	William W. Westgate, Della Dolan,	Plymouth. Plymouth.	21 21	Ropenmaker.	Plymouth. Roxbury.	Charles & Lydia, Patrick & Rose.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Aug. 31,	Frank P. Harris, Tencia E. Smith,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	21 20	Engineer.	Warren, N. H. Lyman, N. H.	David G. & Valeria, Julius & Persis F.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst
Sept. 9,	Edward Lanthum, Ellen Gallagher,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	26 24	Laborer.	Ireland. Ireland.	John & Catharine, Patrick & Mary.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Sept. 19,	John Daley, Margaret Marr,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	21 19	Currier.	Lancashire, Eng. Brooklyn, N. Y.	Timothy & Mary Ann, John & Ellen.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Sept. 23,	John S. Marcy, Helen McDonald,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	22 22	Furniture Dealer.	Weymouth. Chatham, N. B.	John & Sarah C. Alexander & Mary A.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst
Sept. 26,	Melvin Kidder, Lucy M. Berry,	Reading. Reading.	25 22	Carpenter.	Dixfield, Me. Reading.	Jacob & Sabonia, Daniel & Dorcas.	Rev. E. B. Fairchild.
Sept. 30,	Augustus L. Cheever, Phebe Gilman,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	40 44	Shoemaker.	Saugus. Woburn.	Asa & Lydia, Unknown.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst
Oct. 7,	Jerome Fay, Sarah L. Crosby,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	40 35	Shoe Stock Manuf.	Bolton. Brimfield.	Joshua & Sarah, Henry & Sarah Convers.	Rev. E. B. Fairchild.

Oct. 18,	Louis Ryan, Kate Prince,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	25 30	Laborer.	St. Dominique, U.C. Liverpool, Eng.	John B. & Louisa. John & M.A. Thompson	Silas Dean, J. P.
Oct. 20,	John A. Tucker, Mary E. Howe,	Dorchester. Stoneham.	67 36	Harnessmaker.	Dorchester. Dorchester.	Atherton & Joanna. Enos & Mary.	Rev. Richard Tolman
Oct. 27,	Michael McAllister, Ann Sweeney,	Wakefield. Wakefield.	30 37	Mariner.	Scotland. Ireland.	Peter & Ann. Thomas & Ann Osborne	Rev. W.H. Fitzpatrick
Nov. 1,	John Bray, Hannah Sarrette Arnold,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	48 47	Engineer.	Deer Isle, Me. Charlotte, Vt.	John & Mary. Artemas & Hannah C.	Silas Dean, J. P.
Nov. 4,	Alvin Hyde, Anna M. Pulley,	Haverhill, N. H. Stoneham.	32 26	Farmer.	Sandwich, N. H. Bear River, N. S.	John & Elizabeth G. B. Frederic & Barbara.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Nov. 6,	Charles H. W. Carter, Adelia Weed,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	21 18	Shoemaker.	Stoneham. Boston.	Samuel O. & Lucy A. Samuel S. & Mary.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Nov. 7,	John Fluke, Bridget Murray,	Reading. Reading.	30 30	Farmer.	Ireland. Ireland.	James & Rosa. Michael & Mary.	Rev. W. H. Fitzpatrick
Nov. 10,	Alfred B. York, Archie Dustin,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	21 20	Stonecutter.	Merrimack, N. H. Stoneham.	John & Melinda. William C. & Mary Ann.	Rev. Swift Byington.
Nov. 19,	Stephen W. Jones, Lovie W. Robbins,	Union, Me. Union, Me.	35 35	Cordwainer.	China, Me. Union, Me.	Stephen & Rachel. Nathaniel & Harriet.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Nov. 20,	Edwin L. Hewes, Susan A. Berry,	Reading. Reading.	32 25		Lynnfield. Reading.	Benjamin & Mary. Samuel & Dorcas.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Nov. 20,	Ephraim W. Spear, Ann Eliza Ham,	Stoneham. Stoneham.	23 17	Painter.	Rockland, Me. Woburn.	Edward P. & Abigail R. James & Martha.	Silas Dean, J. P.
Nov. 23,	Howard M. Ford, Sarah S. Gould,	Woburn. Woburn.	39 25	Currier.	Medford. New Hampshire.	James & Mary. Unknown.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Dec. 1,	Joseph M. Hall, Elizabeth Carter,	Saugus. Saugus.	23 19	Manufacturer.	Boston. Wilmington.	John & Sarah. Daniel C. & Nancy.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Dec. 1,	Luther Furness, Margaret Shanley,	Boston. Boston.	22 21	Currier.	Three Rivers, Ca. Woburn.	Peter & Olive. William & Elizabeth.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Dec. 18,	Oscar F. Huntoon, Mary Jane Bowen,	Stoneham. New Ipswich, N. H.	25 18	Shoemaker.	Bethlehem, N. H. Ossipee, N. H.,	James & Abigail. D. C. & Hatlie F. Porter.	Rev. E. B. Fairchild.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1869. — (CONCLUDED.)

DATE.	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Dec. 23,	Geo. W. Richardson, Viola A. Richardson,		26 22	Teamster.	Winchester. Winchester.	Joseph P. & Eliza. H. N. A. & Hannah H.	Rev. Swift Byington.
Dec. 23,	Joseph John Edmunds, Lucy Thobald,		18 18	Machinist.	England. England.	Richard & Mary. George & Susan.	Rev. M. M. Parkhurst.
Dec. 24,	Frank S. Atkinson, Lizzie S. Campbell,		26 18	Shoemaker.	West Minot, Me. Roxbury.	Charles C. & Sarah. Archibald & Sarah.	Rev. Swift Byington.

Whole number of Marriages	56
Number of Widowers	5
Number of Widows	9
Average age of 56 Males married	27 $\frac{23}{56}$
Average age of 56 Females married	24 $\frac{21}{56}$
Oldest Male married was aged	67
Oldest Female married was aged	47
Youngest Male married was aged	17
Youngest Female married was aged	17

NATIVITY OF PERSONS MARRIED.

<i>Where born.</i>	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Stoneham	4	3
Other towns and cities	33	34
England	2	2
British Provinces	3	3
Scotland	1	2
Ireland	13	12

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1869.

Whole number, 56 ; Widowers, 7 ; Widows, 9.

<i>Nativity.</i>	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Stoneham	8	4
Other towns and cities	35	37
England	1	3
British Provinces	3	3
Ireland	9	6
Scotland	0	2
Unknown	0	1

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STONE- HAM FOR THE YEAR 1869.

BORN.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 2	Sarah Jane Finn	Female	Peter and Ann	Shoemaker
" 2	Arthur Francis Finegan	Male	Patrick and Mary	"
" 9	Mary Ann Swett	Female	Charles G. and Mary	"
" 12	Charlena Tidd	"	Charles W. and Ella	Currier
" 12	Francis John Green	Male	Lowell and Ann Maria	Farmer
" 14	Maud Harlow Cowdrey	Female	Arthur A. and Mary	Physician
" 17	Joseph Henry McKenney	Male	Edward and Catharine	Mechanic
" 20	Edwin Godfrey Martin	"	Luther and Susan B.	Shoemaker
Feb. 2	Harry A. French	"	Alonzo and Nancy E.	"
" 2	James Connell	"	Peter and Bridget	"
" 10	George Arthur Grundy	"	William and Agnes M.	Brass Finisher
" 13	— Morrill	"	Augustus and Martha	" "
" 22	Charles Frederick Travis	"	Chas. B. and Lucinda Pond	Teacher
March 1	Lizzie A. Harris	Female	Augustus and Mary	Machinist
" 1	— Keene	Male	Alonzo and Helen M.	Shoemaker
" 4	Mary Turesa Thornton	Female	John and Mary	"
" 6	Ellen Murray	"	Patrick and Katie	Laborer
" 7	Frances Catherine Fuller	"	Robert N. and Catharine	Blacksmith
" 13	Charles Edward St. John	Male	Charles B. and Ruth	Shoemaker
" 13	Zuliem Louise Davis	Female	Rodman F. and Mary E.	"
" 16	Helen Flynn	"	Patrick and Hannah F.	Mechanic
" 19	— Gould	Male	Levi and Maria.	Farmer
" 19	Mabel Sweetser Whiting	Female	Ephraim S. and Ellen M.	Painter
" 20	Charles Andrew Annis	Male	Perley M. and Eliza	Shoemaker
" 20	— Berry	"	Theodore and Rosa	"
" 31	Edward Mason Hill	"	Alvin and Ruth J.	"
April 5	John Edward Cullen	"	Thomas and Margaret	Currier
" 8	John McKay	"	Michael and Mary	Shoemaker
" 18	Stanley Clay Hawkins	"	Gardner C. and Mary E.	Machinist
" 19	George Henry Johnson	"	Moses Henry and Mary E.	Shoemaker
" 29	Mary Lizzie Hogan	Female	John and Elizabeth	Currier

BORN.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
May 1	Alfred Neale Theobald	Male	Joseph and Emma	Tin Ware Manf.
" 2	Thomas Richard Qualters	"	Richard and Mary A.	Shoemaker
" 2	James Franklin Rhoades	"	James S. and Nellie H.	"
" 9	Henry Elliot Poor	"	I. Henry and Susan S.	Shoe Manuf.
" 16	Mary Ellen Horgan	Female	Jeremiah F. and Abbie M.	Laborer
" 17	— Larsell	"	Charles and Mary	Farmer
" 22	Frank Weston Carter	Male	Charles and Addie F.	Shoemaker
" 24	Catharine Terry	Female	Robert H. and Mary	Laborer
" 26	Jennie Deans Lovell	"	James and Maggie E.	Teacher
" 28	Elizabeth Eugenia Abercrombie	"	Hugh and Catherine	Shoemaker
" 30	Henrietta Maria Richards	"	Augustus F. and Marion C.	"
June 1	— Grover	Male	George H. and Laura	"
" 4	Anna Maria McLoughlin	Female	William and Elizabeth	"
" 4	Mary Ellen Fedigan	"	Patrick and Hannah M.	Currier
" 17	{ Arthur Francis Messer } { Albert Orrin Messer }	twins Males	Darius M. and Mary A.	Shoe Manuf.
" 24	Alexander Martin	Male	Julius and Selina	Shoemaker
" 30	Lena May Buswell	Female	Edward F. and Clara S.	Shoe Manuf.
July 3	Arthur A. Waitt	Male	James M. and Lucinda R.	Currier
" 10	Edwin Reed Kidder	"	Jacob O. and Frances A.	Cabinet-maker
" 11	William Henry McGrady	"	Edward and Mary	Machinist
" 15	Sarah Josephine Martin	Female	William H. and Maria J.	Clerk
" 18	Clara May Whowell	"	William and Lucy H.	Carpenter
" 25	— Glidden	Male	John W. and Ellen B.	Shoemaker
" 27	Richard Ritchie	"	Richard H. and Mary	Currier
" 29	Eugene Z. Morse	"	Moses E. and Eliza A.	Shoemaker
" 30	Julia McGee	Female	Patrick and Hannah	Currier
Aug. 2	Levi Augustus Holden	Male	Warren and Sarah E.	Shoemaker
" 3	Mabel Louise Robbins	Female	Rowland H. and Mary J.	"
" 6	— Hill	Male	Isaac N. and Mary J.	Trader
" 7	Mary Jane Keenan	Female	James and Rose	Shoemaker
" 8	— Darling	Male	William and Sarah	Mechanic
" 21	Raina May Peterson	Female	Halvor and Anna	Shoemaker
" 22	— Clafin	"	Eusbe and Unknown	"
" 24	William Henry Kelley	Male	Owen and Johanna	"

BORN.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Aug. 27	Ernest Cephas (African)	Male	Charles and Sarah C.	Farmer
" 28	James Knapp Wass	"	Warren and Josephine	Sea Captain
Sept. 1	Morris McKenna	"	Morris and Ellen	Currier
" 10	— Davis	"	Francis H. and Mary E.	Shoemaker
" 15	Dennis Albert McNamara	"	John and Mary	"
" 19	Nellie Lariviere	Female	Frank and Rosa	Mechanic
" 21	Daniel William Hogan	Male	Daniel and Ann	Currier
" 24	George Yvon Hodge	"	George F. and Ellen G.	Shoemaker
" 30	William Parks	"	Richard and Mary	"
Oct. 3	Willie Gray	"	John and Sarah A.	Com'n Business
" 19	Willie Lothrop	"	Henry M. and Sarah	Horse-car Cond.
" 21	Cecelia Humphreys	Female	William H. and Cecelia	Engineer
" 28	Albert Thompson Warren	Male	Carleton and Ellen S.	Currier
" 28	Ellen Purcell	Female	Michael and Julia	Laborer
Nov. 1	— Barnes	Male	George R. and Olive M.	Shoemaker
" 9	— Mullaly	"	Martin and Julia	"
" 18	— Vinton	"	Edwin A. and Catharine C.	Shoe Cutter
" 26	— Sprague	Female	Ezra V. and Sarah	Shoemaker
" 27	George Thomas Reynolds	Male	Francis and Ann	Currier
" 27	Ernest F. Barrett	"	George B. and Alice W.	Clerk
" 29	— Decarry	Female	Joseph and Lizzie	Shoemaker
Dec. 4	— Brown	"	Charles H. and Orianna	Currier
" 9	— Josslynn	"	Frank and Emily	Carpenter
" 15	Adleda Cole	"	Joseph F. and Emma	Mechanic
" 16	— Hart	Male	Edward and Mary A.	Shoemaker
" 17	— Dempsey	Female	Joseph and Mary E.	"
" 27	— Boutelle	Male	Horace and Martha	Mechanic

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR 1869.

*y. m. d. Years, Months, Days. b. Place of birth. o. Occupation.
p. Parents. h. Husband. c. Cause of Death.*

- Jan. 4, Hayes, Charles H. 12y. 10m. b. Woburn. p. Edward and Margaret. c. Spotted Fever.
- Jan. 6, Hadley, Sally. 94y. 3m. 26d. b. Medford. p. Henry and Rebecca Skinner. c. Old Age.
- Jan. 10, Osgood, Mary J. 46y. 26d. b. Stoneham. p. Timothy and Elizabeth Sprague. c. Tumor.
- Jan. 19, Hawkins, Elmer Newton. 7y. 2m. 14d. b. Stoneham. p. L. D. and Mary Jane. c. Scarletina.
- Jan. 20, Brigham, George F. 28y. 4m. 8d. b. Needham. o. Shoemaker. p. Otis and Lucinda. c. Consumption.
- Jan. 31, Hayes, William. 20y. 10m. b. Roxbury. o. Shoemaker. p. Edward and Margaret. c. Consumption.
- March 1, Keene, (Male). 1d. b. Stoneham. p. Alonzo and Helen M. c. Infantile.
- March 8, Haynes, Mary J. 49y. b. Deerfield, N. H. p. Joseph W. and Unknown. h. Newell H. c. Consumption.
- March 9, Nield, William H. 24y. 2m. 17d. b. England. o. Morocco Dresser. p. William and Martha. c. Typhoid Fever.
- March 12, Holden, Dennison. 50y. 6m. 12d. b. Hillsborough, N. H. o. Shoemaker. p. Phineas and Sally. c. Cancer in the stomach.
- March 17, Hatch, Mary O. 5m. 3d. b. Stoneham. p. Irving and Elizabeth. c. Fits.
- April 8, Hannaford, Carrie E. 4y. 5m. b. Stoneham. p. Reuben and Harriet. c. Diphtheria.
- April 18, French, Harry A. 2m. 14d. b. Stoneham. p. Alonzo and Nancy E. c. Irregular Heart.
- April 27, Hay, Levi A. 1y. 1m. 9d. b. Stoneham. p. Peter C. and Ann. c. Scarletina.
- May 5, Harris, Lizzie A. 2m. 5d. b. Stoneham. p. Augustine and Mary. c. Amenia.
- May 7, Rhoades, Nellie H. 19y. 14d. b. Warren, N. H. p. John and Sarah French. c. Puerperal.
- May 9, Chick, Edwin. 26y. 9m. b. Ossipee, N. H. o. Trader. p. Nathaniel and Mary. c. Consumption.
- June 12, Baldwin, Samuel J. 8y. 7m. 12d. b. Woburn. p. Micah B. and Joanna. c. Scarlet Fever.
- June 19, Baldwin, Susan C. 6y. 4m. 12d. b. Woburn. p. Micah B. and Joanna. c. Scarlet Fever.
- June 25, Ingerson, Mary. 37y. 6m. 7d. b. Mercer, Me. p. Nathl. and Lucy Perkins. c. Uterine Polypus.
- June 30, Tarbett, Eleanor F. 18y. 5m. 21d. b. Boston. p. Lendall P. and Mary F. c. Consumption.
- July 7, Temple, Ida E. 8y. 1m. 16d. b. Trenton, N. J. p. Edwin and Anna. c. Organic Disease of Heart and Lungs.

- July 16, Leavitt, Herbert K. 13y. 3d. b. Stoneham. p. John S. and Mary E. c. Epilepsy.
- July 30, Doherty, William Albert. 7m. 23d. b. Woburn. p. Denis and Jane c. Cholera Infantum.
- Aug. 10, Jones, Minnie Bell. 1y. 6m. 18d. b. Stoneham. p. Geo. F. and Emily C. c. Dysentery.
- Aug. 10, Gibbs, Rebecca. 85y. 7m. 27d. b. Hollis, N. H. p. Eben and Betsey Farley. c. Dropsy.
- Aug. 19, Rowe, Mary L. 8m. 4d. b. Stoneham. p. Levi S. and Mary R. c. Cholera Infantum.
- Aug. 27, Hannaford, Nellie J. 2y. 10m. 3d. b. Newfield, Me. p. Reuben and Harriet. c. Inflammation of Lungs.
- Aug. 29, Fowler, Anna. 86y. 10m. b. Newfield, Me. p. Thomas and Anna Green. c. Old Age.
- Sept. 1, Boyle, Margaret. 39y. b. Ireland. p. Mark and Mary Feeny. c. Organic disease of Liver.
- Sept. 2, Rafferty, Rosanna. 2y. b. Stoneham. p. Owen and Rosanna. c. Cholera Infantum.
- Sept. 5, Bucknam, Robert E. 22y. 11d. b. Stoneham. o. Machinist. p. Dexter and Eliza. c. Typhoid Fever.
- Sept. 14, Knowles, William E. 37y. 1m. 23d. b. Tamworth, N. H. o. Shoemaker. p. Stephen and Eunice. c. Consumption.
- Sept. 16, Green, Abigail G. 70y. 2m. 25d. b. Bradford, Vt. p. Joshua and Martha Gerry. h. widow of Henry. c. Typhoid Fever.
- Sept. 17, Hames, Alice Eva. 10m. 9d. b. Boston. p. William H. and Margaret. c. Cholera Infantum.
- Oct. 4, Barnes, Richard R. 58y. 3m. 7d. b. Stoneham. o. Farmer. p. Robert and Anna. c. Apoplexy.
- Oct. 4, Cephas, Charles H. 1y. 7m. b. Stoneham. p. Charles and Sarah C. c. Congestion of Lungs.
- Oct. 5, Reynolds, Hugh. 11m. b. Stoneham. p. Hugh and Ann. c. Cholera Infantum.
- Oct. 9, Green, Martha J. 3y. 10m. 14d. b. Stoneham. p. Chester W. and Caroline E. c. Scarlet Fever.
- Oct. 13, Dagnan, William H. 4y. 11m. 7d. b. Stoneham. p. Francis and Kate. c. Scarlet Fever.
- Oct. 15, Messer, Albert O. 3m. 28d. b. Stoneham. p. Darius M. and Mary A. Cholera Infantum.
- Oct. 17, Hayford, Ruth G. 71y. 8m. 1d. b. Chester, N. H. p. Thaddeus and Rhoda Perry. c. Uncertain.
- Oct. 18, Fairchild, Paul E. 8y. 3m. b. Sterling. p. Rev. E. B. and Maria H. c. Scarlatina.
- Oct. 19, Morse, Eugene Z. 2m. 20d. b. Stoneham. p. Moses E. and Eliza A. c. Pneumonia.
- Oct. 19, Gray, Willie. 16d. b. Stoneham. p. John and Sarah A. c. Cholera Infantum.
- Oct. 23, Burke, Ella. 15y. 4m. 24d. b. Boston. p. William and Ellen. c. Consumption.
- Oct. 23, Mullaly, Joseph. 1y. 8m. 8d. b. Stoneham. p. Martin and Julia. c. Scarlatina.
- Oct. 23, Davison, (Female.) Still-Born. b. Stoneham. p. George B. and Ruth.
- Oct. 29, Messer, Arthur F. 4m. 15d. b. Stoneham. p. Darius M. and Sarah A. c. Marasmus.
- Oct. 30, Pierce, Frank. 16y. 6m. b. Lexington. p. James and Mary. c. Fever.
- Oct. 31, Bryant, John. 72y. b. Stoneham. p. Ebenezer and Sarah. c. Old Age.
- Nov. 6, O'Brien, Mary Ellen. 2y. 2m. b. Stoneham. p. John and Mary. c. Cholera Infantum.
- Nov. 9, Mullaly (Male). 1d. b. Stoneham. p. Martin and Julia. c. Disease of the Heart.
- Nov. 27, Lothrop, Willie. 1m. 8d. b. Stoneham. p. Henry M. and Sarah J. c. Diphtheria.

- Nov. 30, Barrett, Ernest F. 3*d*. *b*. Stoneham. *p*. Geo. B. and Alice W. *c*. Infantile.
- Dec. 3, Hines, Catharine. 2*y*. 1*m*. 6*d*. *b*. Stoneham. *p*. Andrew and Eliza. *c*. Scarlet Fever.
- Dec. 7, Tarbett, Mary F. 39*y*, 11*m*. *b*. Whitefield, Me. *p*. Thomas and Dorothy Costello. *h*. Lendall F. *c*. Consumption.
- Dec. 7, Brown, Ada A. 23*y*. 11*m*. *b*. Sedgwick, Me. *p*. John and Sarah Bayard. *h*. Robert Kirk. *c*. Unknown.
- Dec. 10, Riley, Katy C. 1*y*. 10*m*. *b*. Stoneham. *p*. William J. and Mary J. *c*. Scarlet Fever.
- Dec. 10, Frost, Lizzie M. 1*y*. 7*m*. 19*d*. *b*. Belmont. *p*. Edwin and Sarah J. *c*. Effusion on Brain.
- Dec. 10, Lynde, Daniel. 75*y*. 6*m*. 25*d*. *b*. Stoneham. *o*. Farmer. *p*. Jabez and Hepzibah. *c*. Dropsy of Chest.
- Dec. 13, Amos Hill. 82*y*. 1*m*. 7*d*. *b*. Stoneham. *o*. Carpenter. *p*. James and Mary. *c*. Old Age.
- Dec. 13, Barrett, Alice Whitney. 24*y*. 5*m*. 27*d*. *b*. Salem. *p*. Moses and Susan. *h*. George B. *c*. Puerperal.
- Dec. 15, Foley, Anna E. 3*y*. 8*m*. 12*d*. *b*. Stoneham. *p*. Matthew and Catharine. *c*. Scarlet Fever.
- Dec. 18, Harriman, Isaac. 72*y*. 9*m*. *b*. Barnet, Vt. *o*. Blacksmith. *p*. John and Unknown. *c*. Paralysis of Brain and Lungs.
- Dec. 21, Humphreys, William H. 52*y*. *b*. England. *o*. Engineer. *p*. Richard and Catharine. *c*. Disease of the Heart.
- Dec. 19, Stevens, (Female). Still-Born. *b*. Stoneham. *p*. William B. and A. Josephine.
- Dec. 21, Stevens, Amelia Josephine. 31*y*. 10*m*. 24*d*. *b*. Stoneham. *p*. John and Lydia D. Hill. *c*. Puerperal.
- Dec. 2, Rowe, Allen. 80*y*. 9*m*. 20*d*. *b*. Stoneham. *o*. Shoe Manufacturer. *p*. William A. and Susannah, (died at Francestown, N. H.) *c*. Old Age.

Whole number of deaths occurring in town,	68
Males,	34
Females,	32
Females, still-born,	2
Average age of 34 males,	20 <i>y</i> . 7 <i>m</i> . 6 5-34 <i>d</i> .
Average age of 32 females,	24 <i>y</i> . 10 <i>m</i> . 17 5-16 <i>d</i> .
Number under 10 years of age,	34
" between 10 and 20,	6
" " 20 and 30,	7
" " 30 and 40,	5
" " 40 and 50,	2
" " 50 and 60,	3
" " 70 and 80,	5
" " 80 and 90,	3
" " 90 and 100,	1

SILAS DEAN, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

IN compliance with the usual custom, we herewith submit the Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of the Stoneham Fire Department for the year ending March 1, 1870.

Since our last Report, the department has been called out but twice, as follows : —

Sept. 26th, 1869. Fire at Hayward Rubber Mills : Gen. Worth, No. 2, of Stoneham, Wannalanset 1, and Webster 3, of Malden, and Endeavor 2, and Hook and Ladder 1, of Melrose, present.

October 31st, 1869. Burning of a dwelling-house near the town line in Wakefield.

The close of the year finds the department in good working order. The apparatus is all in good condition, and there is a readiness on the part of the men to do any duty required of them.

There are seventeen reservoirs in town, four of which have been constructed during the past year, and covered with brick at an expense of about one thousand dollars. The reservoir at the junction of Main and Warren Streets has been re-covered with brick, in the place of the old and dangerous plank covering removed.

There are three reservoirs only that are now covered with plank, and these will soon need new covering. We recommend that they be arched with brick in the same manner as the others, and thus secure a safe as well as permanent covering.

The General Worth Engine Company, under the efficient command of Captain William H. Marden, has averaged nearly its full complement of sixty members, and receive the same compensation as last year.

The Hook and Ladder Company, Lewis Maxwell, foreman, consists of sixteen members. We recommend that the efficiency of this Company be increased by the payment of a yearly compensation. Without entering into any discussion on this subject, it is sufficient to say that the day of volunteer companies is past, and any company to be made efficient must receive a reasonable compensation for its services.

Since the sale of the town bell, we have had no means whereby to create an alarm, except such arrangements as have been made by the engineers, with private parties, from time to time. We invite the serious attention of the town to this subject, knowing how great a fire a little matter kindleth, and that upon the prompt action of the fire department depends, oftentimes, the preservation of our lives and property.

At the annual meeting of the town in November last, it was voted to purchase a new Steam Fire Engine, together with a new Hose Carriage and Hose, and build a house for the same.

A Committee was chosen to carry the vote into effect, and from that Committee we learn that they have a first-class steamer in process of construction at Hunneman's, and are also having built a new four-wheeled Hose Carriage, and that the Engine House is nearly completed. This necessarily causes a reorganization of the entire department, which, we believe, if considerably done, will render it more efficient and less expensive to the town.

From examination of the Town Reports for the five years prior to 1870, we find the average yearly expense of the department to be about seven hundred dollars. We, therefore, recommend that the sum of seven hundred dollars be appropriated for the ensuing year, and in consideration of the purchase of so much new apparatus, and of the consequent reorganization of the department, we recommend that the same be expended under the direction of the engineers.

We congratulate our citizens on the fact that the town has

been so free from fires for the past year, but one having occurred within its limits during that time. We may not be so fortunate in the future, but we hope the same good fortune which has attended us in the year past will long continue, and that the time may be long delayed before we shall be necessitated to make a practical application of the new apparatus.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. DUSTIN,	}	<i>Engineers</i>
I. F. HERSAM,		<i>Fire</i>
AMOS HILL,		<i>Department.</i>

STONEHAM, March 1st, 1870.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF STONEHAM,

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1869-70.



BOSTON :

GEO. B. HAMLIN, PRINTER,

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R E P O R T .

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF STONEHAM : —

It is the opinion universally accepted, that in her devotion to educational interests in general, and to her Public Schools in particular, is found the secret of the great prosperity of New England; and the enviable position of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has always been traced to her public school enterprise, and generous expenditures in the education of her children.

Throughout the three hundred and thirty-five cities and towns of the Commonwealth, with scarcely a town to be excepted, there exists the hearty belief that the public schools are to be the first care of the people; that on the prosperous condition of these depends the prosperity of the town. This healthy public sentiment has been firmly established; and to-day, throughout the State, the well-appointed schools of any town, and their ungrudged support, are looked upon, and justly so, as a sure index of the good character, good morals, and good citizenship of its people.

With great rapidity the towns immediately suburban to Boston, and those in near vicinity, are multiplying their population. Every year, large numbers doing business in Boston are seeking convenient residence in the country, which shall be within easy reach of the city; and many, also, from a distance, are yearly seeking homes nearer the metropolis, on account of the social and other advantages which such residence places within their reach.

The first inquiry of such is after the educational facilities of the place wherein they meditate a settlement. What are the schools? What interest do the people take in those higher concerns of every community, the enlightenment of its people, and the culture of its children? And inevitably the nature of the answer to these interrogatories determines the standing and character of the town, and its attractiveness to those who would make it their home. Such and other like considerations are not to be ignored or forgotten by a community like ours, if it would seek to plan wisely for its future prosperity.

No town can afford to neglect these interests; and situated as we are, surrounded by sister towns, every one of which, with unstinted and even lavish hand, has provided large and commodious buildings for its higher grades of schools, we cannot afford *not* to be taxed for *any* amount which shall be needed to place us upon an equality with them, and enable us to present equal advantages and attractions to the class of people mentioned. It is the rapid increase of population, attracted by these indispensable advantages, which is to make the rapid enhancement in value of real estate; and it is not impossible at all that a so-called economy in expenditures now shall prove in the end a consummate folly.

Again, and most respectfully, your Committee would urge upon their fellow-citizens the pressing need of an early adjustment of this now vexed question. Not a man of the several Committees you have created to investigate the subject, who has made himself conversant with our schools, and has *understood* and *believed in* the advantages of thoroughly grading them, has hesitated a moment to approve the judgment and recommendations of your Committee, — certainly as to the *amount*, if not the kind, of accommodations such proposed buildings should afford. Every month of unnecessary delay must prove a great detriment to the interests of our schools. Every possible resource of your Committee,

it would appear, must be exhausted by the close of the present school year.

Last fall, room was made for the seventy graduates from the Intermediate Schools, by taking the school-room of the High School, and placing the latter in their present quarters in Dow's Block, — an unfit place as all will allow, — but the best that could be found. What your Committee are to do with the sixty to seventy who graduate the coming season, to enter the Grammar School, they are at a loss to know. And they respectfully submit to the people of Stoneham, who have entrusted these precious interests to their hands, if, with this condition of things constantly pressing upon them, they have not been fully justified in their urgent and earnest advocacy of an early erection of a High School building.

Again they leave the matter in your hands, hoping that an honest desire of all for the best interests of our schools, and for the reputation of the town, will lead, without loss of time, to the wisest determination of the whole question.

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

We have abundant occasion to congratulate the citizens of the town on the generally prosperous condition of the schools, and the good progress made during the year just closed. Especially would we commend the efficiency and zeal which have marked the efforts of the teachers; and not less than thirteen of these, it is worthy of note, are our "home products," the daughters of our own citizens. The earnestness, enthusiasm even, with which they have labored, has disclosed an invincible determination to succeed, and they have reaped the reward of their zeal. Their efficiency justifies us in the opinion we do not hesitate to express, that no town can boast a better corps of teachers than our own. A healthy emulation in the schools has all along had a vivifying effect

upon teachers and pupils, the good results of which have, with much satisfaction, been witnessed by the Committee.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

An argument at this day, seriously defending the claims of the High School to the generous support of the people, and to its rightful position, as the very head and heart of our Public School system, would be an insult to your intelligence.

No such defence is necessary ; and your generous appropriations of money in the past are a standing refutation of any charge of indifference to such claims.

All good citizens are a unit in the desire that our High School shall rank with the best. Let the reasons be what they may, that desire has not been entirely fulfilled ; and the anticipations of Committee, patrons, and friends have been but imperfectly realized. For various reasons, many of which are patent to us all, this school, now for years, has had a struggling existence. Its frequent change of instructors, for one thing, has had its damaging influence ; also, in one or two instances, the unfortunate selection of master ; and this unavoidably so, in former years, because of a salary inadequate to secure and retain the best teachers. Your Committee, fully aware of these and other serious obstacles to the success of the school, have bent all their efforts towards their removal ; and with an honest desire to execute faithfully the trusts imposed upon them, they have sought carefully for the remedy of every adverse influence which was impairing its efficiency. The present condition of the school itself is as good evidence of success as they could desire to offer. We now have a live, wide-awake school ; a master, abundantly qualified, with his competent assistant, to lift the school to the high position it ought to occupy. His success in doing a like work in other towns, and the present

splendid condition of our school, justifies our firm belief that fit and proper accommodations only are wanting, to secure to Stoneham the well-appointed, flourishing High School it has so long desired. Let us all unite heartily to secure this end. Let its great importance push out of sight all petty private interests and preferences, which stand in its way ; and let all good citizens frown down any disturbing partisan element that would enter to mar our deliberations. A few thousand dollars, more or less, are positively insignificant in the light of the great injury to the schools which any lengthened delay must occasion.

SPECIAL ENGLISH COURSE.

This want, suggested and recommended by one or more former School Committees, has made itself felt more and more.

Complaint is made, in almost every town, of the difficulty of retaining the majority of the pupils for the full classical course ; and the result has been, in many places, the establishment of a second, strictly English, and of shorter duration.

After careful consideration of the subject, and examination of some of the courses recommended and established by other towns, aided by the valuable advice and experience of the Principal, Mr. Lorin L. Dame, your Committee have fixed upon the "Special English Course," which, together with the entire course of study in the lower grades, they print with this Report.

Any suggestion of amendment, or alteration of the same, from parents or friends interested, will be thankfully received, and duly considered.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

This school began the present school-year with about one hundred and twenty pupils ; having received an accession

from the Intermediate and Mixed Schools of seventy pupils, in room of the eighteen sent up to the higher grade.

An unusual degree of prosperity has marked its progress the past year. The success of its teachers in maintaining discipline and good government, as well as thoroughness in the instruction of so large a school, deserves much praise. They have well earned the confidence of the parents and friends of the pupils; and should have their cheerful, friendly support to aid and encourage them in their future labors.

Your attention has already been called to the absolute necessity of farther accommodations to meet the wants of this school.

INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

An uninterrupted prosperity has attended these schools the past year. The large, thoroughly drilled class of seventy, who went up from these grades, last fall, into the Grammar Department, is a living, and most pleasing evidence of the faithfulness and competency of the teachers. It has been the aim of the Committee to secure the utmost possible uniformity in the drill of these several classes which go to make one in the higher school. The grievous, disheartening perplexities of former years, resulting from the unequal preparation of those admitted to the Grammar School, pointed to a more perfect grading of these schools as the only solution of the difficulty. And a determinate, fixed course of instruction allotted to each teacher, the exact amount to be accomplished in each text-book or study, with abundance of time given to reviews, have led to most happy results; and to the orderly, clock-work like progress of the Grammar School, which has taken the place of the old confusion.

It is here, in these lower grades, and chiefly, that we are to look for the causes of the fallen-away, decimated ranks in Grammar and High School. It is the thorough drill here, the review and *re-review*,—this patient laying of the founda-

tion upon which depends the success of the higher grades. It is utterly impossible for anything to be substituted in the place of the thorough mastering of the studies here. It is inevitable, — the half-taught, stumbling pupils must fall out in the race, and fail of securing the benefits of these high advantages.

But we have room only to state these facts, and urge upon parents more thoughtfulness and care in keeping their children to their studies, by enforcing their constant presence at school. Not a few instances could be related of boys and girls, of even the best abilities, falling behind their classes, discouraged and disheartened, from no other cause than their frequent absence, for work on the farm, or in the shop, — just enough to rob them of their rightful position in their class. The result is they fail of promotion, and, discouraged, soon fall out from the schools.

The crowded, ill-ventilated condition of the Primary School rooms, in the three large school-houses, is a source of constant and just complaint of parents, some of whom have taken their children away altogether. It is in these rooms that the most impressible years of our children are passed, and their health greatly imperilled, if not, in many cases, entirely undermined.

As yet there has been no attempt at their ventilation except by open door and window, which is certainly a violent remedy in winter, and only better than foul air, because death thereby is mercifully more sudden.

Your Committee, failing of your approval of the entire alteration of these houses, as recommended in last year's report, would urge, at least, some method of ventilation for these rooms before another winter.

THE MIXED SCHOOLS.

These schools have enjoyed their usual prosperity the past year. Miss Dean, who has so long had the Wyoming School under her charge, has labored faithfully and well.

The North Street School, under Miss Clark, is in a condition altogether satisfactory to the Committee, and, which is more important, to the people of the district.

Report was made last year that the Wyoming School-house was in great need of repairs; also the fence enclosing the same; and the selectmen were appointed to see this done. For a long time now, the roof has presented a dilapidated appearance, and been leaking badly. The fence has pretty much disappeared; and altogether the appearance of the house and grounds does the town no credit. These repairs should be made at once.

EVENING SCHOOL.

At a legal meeting of the town, held in November, a vote was passed instructing the School Committee to open an evening school for adults, and those over fifteen years of age, whose occupations prevented their attendance upon the day schools. Although no appropriation had been made to meet such an expense, the Committee, after advising with the friends of the project, deemed it their duty to carry out the vote and instructions of the people.

The school was placed under the charge of the master of the High School, Mr. Lorin L. Dame; and, assisted by Messrs. Fowler and Robertson, he has endeavored faithfully to realize to the pupils the benefits the town had so generously designed. The average attendance has exceeded fifty pupils; and very many of them evidently in earnest to reap the benefits of the advantages offered them.

The sum of three hundred dollars per year will be adequate to the support of such a school. The question of making this evening school a permanent institution remains for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. DYKE,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
W. B. STEVENS,		
HENRY B. WOOD,		

STONEHAM, February 12, 1870.

SCHEDULE OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST PRIMARY.

Reading.

Spelling.

Eaton's Primary Arithmetic, first thirty-four lessons.

SECOND PRIMARY.

1st Year. — Finish Eaton's Primary Arithmetic.

Writing on Slate.

2d Year. — Review Eaton's Primary Arithmetic.

Commence Eaton's Intellectual Arithmetic, and go to Section 4.

Multiplication Tables perfectly.

Commence Warren's Primary Geography, and go to Africa.

Writing with lead pencil in Writing-book No. 1, of the Spencerian system.

Oral instruction in writing numbers as far as millions.

In Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication (with but one figure in the multiplier).

Division (with but one figure in the divisor).

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

1st Year. — Eaton's Intellectual Arithmetic: —

Sections 4 and 5.

Commence Eaton's Written Arithmetic, and go to Reduction.

Finish and Review Warren's Primary Geography.

Writing : — Nos. 1 and 2.

2d Year. — Eaton's Intellectual Arithmetic: Sections 6 and 7.

Commence Warren's Common School Geography, and go to Middle States.

Written Arithmetic, to Fractions.

Writing : Nos. 2 and 3.

Written Examinations during the year.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

1st Year. — Fractions, to Percentage and Review.

Warren's Common School Geography : Middle States, to Mexico, and Review.

Commence Grammar.

Writing : No. 3.

Intellectual Arithmetic.

Compositions and Declamations, weekly.

Written Examinations, monthly.

2d Year. — Percentage, to Taxes and Review.

Geography : Mexico, to Europe, and General Review.

Grammar.

History.

Writing : Nos. 4 and 5.

Compositions and Declamations, weekly.

Written Examinations, monthly.

3d Year. — Arithmetic: Taxes, to Proportion, and Review.
 Geography: South America, through book, and
 Review.
 Analysis and Parsing.
 History.
 Writing: Nos. 4 and 5.
 Compositions and Declamations, weekly.
 Written Examinations, monthly.

HIGH SCHOOL.

ENGLISH COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

1st Term. — Arithmetic.
 English Grammar.
 History.
 French (elective).

2d Term. — Arithmetic.
 English Grammar.
 History.
 Physical Geography.
 French (elective).

3d Term. — Arithmetic.
 Analysis.
 Physical Geography.
 Algebra.
 History.
 French (elective).

SECOND YEAR.

1st Term. — Algebra.
 Philosophy.
 Physiology.
 French (elective).

2d Term. — Algebra.
 Botany.
 Philosophy.
 French (elective).

3d Term. — Geometey.
 Botany.
 Rhetoric.
 French (elective).

THIRD YEAR.

1st Term. — Chemistry.
 Astronomy.
 Book-keeping.
 French (elective).

2d Term. — Trigonometry and Surveying.
 Chemistry.
 French (elective).
 Astronomy.
 Book-keeping.

3d Term. — Trigonometry and Surveying.
 English Literature.
 Intellectual Philosophy.
 Geology.
 French (elective).

REGULAR COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

1st Term. — Arithmetic.
 English Grammar.
 History.

2d Term. — Arithmetic.
 English Grammar.
 History.
 Physical Geography.

3d Term. — Arithmetic.
 Analysis.
 Physical Geography.
 Algebra.
 History.

SECOND YEAR.

1st Term. — Algebra.
 Latin.
 French.
 Physiology.

2d Term. — Algebra.
 Latin.
 French.
 Geometry.

3d Term. — Geometry.
 Latin.
 French.
 Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.

1st Term. — Geometry.
 Latin.
 French.
 Philosophy.

2d Term. — Trigonometry and Surveying.
 Latin.
 Botany.
 French.
 Physiology.

3d Term. — Trigonometry and Surveying.
 Latin.
 Botany.
 French.
 Rhetoric.

FOURTH YEAR.

1st Term. — Astronomy.
 Latin.
 French.
 Chemistry.

2d Term. — Astronomy.
 Latin.
 French.
 Chemistry.

3d Term. — Intellectual Philosophy.
 Latin.
 Geology.
 English Literature.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Summer Term.	Average Summer Term.	Whole No. Fall Term.	Average Fall Term.	Whole No. Winter Term.	Average Winter Term.	Over fifteen years of age.	Weeks.
High School.....	{ Aaron Lovell Lorin L. Dame Celeste U. Chase..... Miss W. S. Green..... Maria E. Harriman..... C. Adele Dyke..... Adella E. Dodge..... Lucy E. Davids..... Mrs. Ella F. Inman..... Kate A. Jenny Ellen M. Howard Abbie M. Johnson H. Maria Curtis Abbie L. Chapman Sarah J. Dyke..... Mrs. L. D. Noyes..... Mary V. R. Williams..... Mary V. R. Williams..... Helen M. Clark..... Susan M. Deane.....	38	34½	35	33	35	33	27	40
Grammar Department of High School.....	{	68	58	110	93	109	100	9	40
South Intermediate.....	{	86	77	81	73	79	70	..	37
East Intermediate.....	{	61	50½	54	45	51	45½	1	37
North Intermediate.....	{	45	41½	..	..	41	37	..	37
South Primary, No. 1.....	{	96	72	..	..	75	55	..	35
South Primary, No. 2.....	{	60	52½	..	..	56	43½	..	..
East Primary, No. 1.....	{	94	74	56	44	63	52½	..	35
East Primary, No. 2.....	{	47	35	..	..	53	49	..	35
North Primary, No. 1.....	{	76	63½	..	..	56	46½	..	35
North Primary, No. 2.....	{	39	31½	..	..	45	33	..	35
North Street School.....	{	18	16½	..	..	20	14	2	35
Wyoming School.....	{	42	30	44	34	29	22	2	35

